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House Bills

HB 1144-S by House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Kessler, Tokuda, Ogden, Keiser, Cody, Santos, Edmonds, Kenney, Linville, Darneille, O'Brien, Ruderman, Rockefeller, Dickerson, McDermott, Edwards, Conway, Schual-Berke, Jackley, Lovick, McIntire and Haigh)

Modifying good cause reasons for failure to participate in the WorkFirst program.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/19/02)

Revises good cause reasons for failure to participate in the WorkFirst program.

Provides that at the time a child reaches the age of three months, the recipient is required to participate in one of the following for up to twenty hours per week: (1) Instruction or training which has the purpose of improving parenting skills or child well-being;

- (2) Preemployment or job readiness training;
- (3) Course study leading to a high school diploma or GED; or
- (4) Volunteering in a child care facility licensed under chapter 74.15 RCW so long as the child care facility agrees to accept the recipient as a volunteer and the child without compensation while the parent is volunteering at the facility.

Declares that nothing in this act shall prevent a recipient from participating fully in the WorkFirst program on a voluntary basis. A recipient who chooses to participate fully in the WorkFirst program shall be considered to be fulfilling the requirements of this act.

Provides that, for any recipient who claims a good cause reason for failure to participate in the WorkFirst program based on the fact that the recipient has a child under the age of one year, the department shall, within existing resources, conduct an assessment of the recipient within ninety days and before a job search component is initiated in order to determine if the recipient has any specific service needs or employment barriers. The assessment may include identifying the need for substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, or domestic violence services, and shall be used in developing the recipient's individual responsibility plan.

-- 2002 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 11 APP Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
 - Minority; do not pass.
- Feb 12 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 13 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Feb 14 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 19 1st substitute bill substituted. Floor amendment(s) adopted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed: yeas, 97; nays, 0; absent, 1.

- IN THE SENATE -

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Human Services & Corrections.

HB 2323-S by House Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Hatfield, Buck, Doumit and Linville)

Establishing the direct retail endorsement for commercial fishers.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/16/02)

Requires the department to establish and administer a direct retail license to serve as a single license that permits the holder of a Washington finfish or crab fishing license to process and sell his or her catch directly to consumers at retail, including over the internet. The direct retail license must be issued as an optional addition to all commercial food fish or shellfish licenses that the department offers under chapter 77.65 RCW.

Provides that, prior to being issued a direct retail endorsement, an individual must: (1) Obtain and submit to the department a signed letter on appropriate letterhead from the health department of the county in which the individual makes his or her official residence or where the hailing port for any documented vessel owned by the individual is located. The local health department generating the letter may charge a reasonable fee for any necessary inspections. The letter must certify that the methods used by the individual to transport, store, and display fresh finfish and crabs meets that county's standards and the statewide standards adopted by the board of health for food service operations; and

(2) Submit proof to the department that the individual making the direct retail sales is in possession of a valid food and beverage service worker's permit, as provided for in chapter 69.06 RCW.

Declares that it is lawful for an individual in possession of a valid direct retail endorsement to sell, deliver, or peddle wild-caught finfish or crab that is caught, harvested, or collected under rule of the department of fish and wildlife by such a person at a temporary food service establishment, as that term is defined in RCW 69.06.045, and no city, town, or county may pass or enforce an ordinance prohibiting the sale by or requiring additional licenses or permits from the holder of the valid direct retail endorsement.

Does not prohibit a city, town, or county from inspecting an individual displaying a direct retail endorsement to verify that the person is in compliance with state board of health and local rules for food service operations.

Requires the department of agriculture to develop a pamphlet that generally describes the labeling requirements for seafood, as set forth in this act, and provide an adequate quantity of the pamphlets to the department of fish and wildlife to distribute with the issuance of a direct retail endorsement under this act.

Takes effect January 1, 2003.

-- 2002 REGULAR SESSION --

- Feb 6 NR Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 8 Referred to Appropriations.
- Feb 9 APP Executive action taken by committee.
 - APP Majority; do pass 1st substitute bill proposed by Natural Resources.
- Feb 12 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 15 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 16 1st substitute bill substituted.

Floor amendment(s) adopted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed: yeas, 97; nays, 1; absent, 0.

- IN THE SENATE -

Feb 19 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Parks & Shorelines.

HB 2757-S by House Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Rockefeller, Ericksen, Hunt, Doumit, Linville and Pearson)

Creating an advisory committee to assist in a review of the state hydraulic project approval program. (REVISED FOR ENGROSSED: Creating the hydraulic project approval permit program technical advisory group.)

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/19/02)

Finds that: (1) The department of fish and wildlife issues thousands of hydraulic project approval permits each year for hydraulic projects or work that will use, divert, obstruct, or change the natural flow or bed of any of the salt or fresh waters of the state.

- (2) The hydraulic project approval permit program can provide important habitat protection for salmon, steelhead, and trout stocks listed under the federal endangered species act.
- (3) Determining the cost of processing, issuing, and implementing decisions on hydraulic project approval permit applications and whether a funding system that fairly allocates benefits to the applicant and to the public is desirable or possible.
- (4) Since hydraulic project approval permit authority was first granted to the department of fish and wildlife there has been no external review and analysis of the program to determine its effectiveness.
- (5) The state fish and wildlife commission should take a lead role in conducting such a review and analysis of the hydraulic project approval permit program.

Creates the hydraulic project approval permit program technical advisory group as a subcommittee of the state fish and wildlife commission.

Requires that any recommendations of the hydraulic project approval permit program technical advisory group concerning fees must be consistent with the direction provided in RCW 76.09.030(2) to work for the integration of the forest practices and hydraulic permitting processes. It is the legislature's intent that no hydraulic permit fees be charged once these two permitting processes are integrated.

Requires the final report of the hydraulic project approval permit program technical advisory group to be provided to the commission, the governor, and the appropriate committees of the legislature by November 15, 2002.

-- 2002 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 8

NR - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.

Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.

Feb 15

Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.

Feb 19

1st substitute bill substituted.

Floor amendment(s) adopted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed: yeas, 97; nays, 0; absent, 1.

- IN THE SENATE -

Feb 21 First reading, referred to Natural Resources, Parks & Shorelines.

HB 2773 by Representatives Clements, Linville, Chandler and Grant

Revising standards for apple grades and requiring reports on the consignment sales of apples under the new standards.

(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/14/02)

Requires that, to provide uniformity in the marketplace and to protect consigners of apples, the director shall revise state standards for grades and packs of apples.

Requires the director to adopt revisions to the standards for grades and packs of apples that will clarify the standards in such a way that they will be applied consistently among warehouses and commission merchants.

Requires that, for this purpose, the director shall invite a grades and packs committee that is widely recognized within the horticultural industry as representing the interests of the industry regarding grades and packs of apples to recommend by consensus revisions to the standards that it believes will provide that uniformity.

Provides that each commission merchant shall report to the department by the tenth day of each month the volume of fruit imported into the United States that was received by and the volume of such fruit that was packed and sold by the commission merchant during the previous month and the sale prices of such sales.

Requires the department to ensure that the information it receives under this section is readily available for public inspection. The department shall provide the information to the Washington state fruit commission which shall publish the information in a timely manner in a monthly or bimonthly publication authorized under RCW 15.28.260.

-- 2002 REGULAR SESSION --

- Jan 28 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Ecology.
- Feb 7 AGEC Executive action taken by committee.
 - AGEC Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
- Feb 8 Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
- Feb 11 Made eligible to be placed on second reading.
- Feb 13 Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
- Feb 14 1st substitute bill not substituted.

Floor amendment(s) adopted.

Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.

Third reading, passed: yeas, 98; nays, 0; absent, 0.

- IN THE SENATE -

Feb 16 First reading, referred to Agriculture & International Trade.

HB 2981 by Representatives Carrell, Armstrong, Talcott, Bush, Ericksen, Nixon, Roach,

Pearson, Morell, Barlean, Skinner, Sump, Mielke, Holmquist, Boldt, Orcutt, Anderson, Schmidt, Campbell, Ahern, Mulliken and Esser

Reducing the number of employees in Washington management service.

Declares that no agency may employ personnel who are classified as managers with supervisory job titles but who have no direct subordinates.

Provides that, unless prohibited by federal law, each agency shall have no more than one manager with a supervisory job title for each twenty-five nonmanagement employees within the agency.

Requires each agency to reduce the number of employees in the Washington management service by twenty-five percent no later than December 31, 2002.

Declares that provisions of this act shall not apply if the governor certifies to the legislature that substantive and compelling reasons exist that an agency should be exempt from complying with the provisions of this act.

-- 2002 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 25 First reading, referred to State Government.